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SUBJECT: R/V SEA ANGEL CLEARANCE REQUEST, 15-20 AUG 1977

- 1. THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IS PLANNING TO CHARTER THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL "SEA ANGEL" TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE AREA OF GREAT BAHAMA BANK. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY CARBONATE SEDIMENTATION WHICH LEADS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIMESTONE AND CORAL REEFS. ROCK SAMPLES WILL BE COLLECTED TO VERIFY SEISMIC DATA OBTAINED ON AN EARLIER CRUISE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. ADDITIONALLY, FIVE CORES WILL BE DRILLED 50 TO 70 FEET DEEP WITH A 2 1/2 INCH DIAMETER HOLE. THE HOLES WILL BE DRILLED IN BED ROCK WELL AWAY FROM ANY LIVING CORALS OR FISH LIFE AND WILL BE REFILLED WITH SAND UPON COMPLETION. A STATION LOCATION CHART IS BEING POUCHED.
- 2. SEA ANGEL IS CAPTAINED BY ROY GAENSSLEN AND FLIES A U.S. FLAG. SHE IS 50 FT. LONG, HAS A 14 FT. BEAM, AND 5 FT. DRAFT. CALL SIGN IS WZU 3660 AND REGISTRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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NUMBER IS FL 3536AL. BOAT HAS A 62 CHANNEL VHF MARINE RADIO AND MONITORS EMERGENCY CHANNEL 16. E. A. SHINN IS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY 3 OTHER USGS SCIENTISTS.

3. A BERTH IS AVAILABLE FOR A BAHAMIAN PARTICIPANT AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED.

- 4. THE CAPTAIN WILL CLEAR BAHAMIAN CUSTOMS AT BIMINI BEFORE CONDUCTING THE RESEARCH.
- 5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR SEA ANGEL TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 15-20 AUG. 1977. CHRISTOPHER

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